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SUBJECT: TERRORISM: POSSIBLE RELEASE OF THREE ARAB
TERRORISTS

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1. DEPARTMENT SHARES YOUR REGRET THAT ITALIANS APPEAR TO
BE MOVING TOWARD DECISION TO RELEASE TERRORISTS.

2- WE APPRECIATE VIGOROUS AND ARTICULATE WAY YOU HAVE
REPRESENTED US POSITION TO GOI IN THE PAST. ITALIANS UN-
FORTUNATELY PERSIST IN DEALING IN SHORT TERM FASHION WITH
A BASIC PROBLEM FOR WHICH THERE IS NO EASY SOLUTION.

3. DEPARTMENT ALSO SHARES YOUR VIEW THAT GOI IS UNLIKELY
BE DISSUADED FROM DECISION TO RELEASE TERRORISTS. WE BE-
LIEVE, NONETHELESS, THAT US POSITION ON THIS MATTER SHOULD
REMAIN CONSISTENTLY AND FIRMLY ON THE RECORD. DURING NEXT
SEVERAL DAYS IF OPPORTUNITY PRESENTS ITSELF YOU SHOULD
REITERATE TO GOI US BELIEF OF EXTREME UNWISDOM ALLOWING
TO GO FREE TERRORISTS WHO WERE CAUGHT IN THE ACT OF PRE-
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PARING SHOOT DOWN CIVILIAN COMMERCIAL AIRCRAFT. APART FROM
MORAL ISSUE OF ALLOWING CRIME GO UNPUNISHED, GOI IS LOOSING

ON THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY TERRORISTS CAPABLE OF
VICIOUS CRIMES AND, PERHAPS OF MORE DIRECT INTEREST TO
ITALIANS, IS CONTINUING SEND CLEAR SIGNAL TO TERRORISTS

THAT THEY CAN OPERATE IN ITALY WITH IMPUNITY. CASEY

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